

Poplar St. Boston. March 29 '41

Dear Deborah,

I believe I had Mr Emery as one of my companions this morning. A gentleman in search of a paint I hope. He never opened his mouth good or bad. John Prince Lovell was another. I felt somewhat interested in him for his manner was a kindly & pleasant though sort of abandoned one. By abandoned I mean forsaken merely. The other people I did not know. The riding was pretty good. I was received at Poplar St with open arms. I gave Pat's message to Henrietta & you may tell him, she says she shall hold him to it. As soon as I got warmed & fed, & Henrietta did not say merely "Be ye warmed etc" I proceeded to read sundry letters which were laid before me, of the contents of which I will give you a synopsis. One from Mary Grew as sec. of the Phil Ten Socy. I think she approves our principles & hates our measures. That is while she is willing to receive the doctrines of C. C. she yet blames us for our attack on these Nouveaux. It was a specimen of the usual Phil'm charity. & from Mr Child - Mr C is evidently unhappy & discontented, but strives to remember what is due to her character as a Transcendentalist. Pity that one who really lives so very much in the outward, should so perseveringly think she exists but in the inward. Her father has left her & gone to live with a married son. He is wishing Garrison would go straight on, not mind Colver & Phelps. He cannot stand straight alone. I should hardly dare to trust her with the Abolition. A letter from Mrs Adams. Very too one in a melancholy frame, but Mrs A. is willing to say so and does not try to call herself discontented upward aspirations. He seems thrown wholly upon Abolitionists for comfort. Collins has spent an evening with them & examined their heads. I should

judge they had so little society as to be thankful for
him. They had also seen Anne Knight and Miss Mar-
tin can have sent her book to Mr. Adams, & George Thompson
thought the book not so interesting as it might have been
as you see all the people the poor woman mentioned were
Abolitionists. Mr. Adams has had a letter from Hildreth.
It is the Guiana Chronicle he edits. He has sent some
papers to Mr. A. by which they discover he is carrying
on as furious a battle as per can wage with the
Guiana Times. The subject not mentioned, "He says" adds
Mrs. A. wishing to give satisfaction I suppose, "that emanci-
pation works beautifully." A note from Mary Clark.
It is written in a happy tranquil spirit. She speaks of
herself as near death, but is full of hope & faith, re-
joicing in the sifting of New Hampshire. Another from
Wm. B. Chandler. He has hopes of M. Clark's recovery.
Reading all this brought me to dinner. Then I read my
letter aloud, then copied the piece for the Liberator and
learned some Italian & read Blackwood. Mr. Chandler
has spent this evening here, & been very chatty and
full of talk. Says a great battle is now raging between
the Orthodox & Unitarian forces. Also among others
on dit, Judge Weston & his wife of Augusta, Maine,
have been excommunicated from the church, for
letting a Jewish Ark slave slave at their house. They
behaved worthy the name, & the Judge walked to the
church Weston fashion. The name is destined to eccle-
siasitcal proscription. One thing I am very sorry to say.
The poor Susan Paul is in the last stage of consumption. She
is very low. The friends have to support the family who are
in great poverty. Her brother Tom's friends have with drawn
their patronage, think why! He got engaged to Sarah
Morse! the little one you know. Now he has left her.
The leaving her is the offense I believe, but I design

to go I hear the whole from Angelina Davis who told
her sister. I think I have done pretty well for the first
evening.

Thursday afternoon - Chardon St.

This morning I found the Chapel thronged. Colver, Phelps,
Luther Lee & H. Clair drawn up in battle array. A
letter ~~was~~ read by Colver from Chardon or the
Sabbath. It began "Ladies & Gentle men" was a mild
quiet common sense defence of the Sabbath. I might
have written much such a one - John A. made it be
laid on the table - and Colver said a copy of it
might be, but he had received intimations
that it be made suitably public. John A. thought
it very strange if the Committee Convention could
not have a letter addressed to it. If they did not
own their own letter who did? Colver seemed a
little ashamed & gave it up, saying he could
take a copy. Garrison - Whipple and Bapiste
were appointed a Com. to answer it. Hervey will give
you all the details. I can only say that Colver
& H. C. in particular behaved like demons.
with their violence, wrath & misanthropy.
Phelps was more decent & Lee more honest. He
appeared no worse than a bigoted stupid creature.
The matter at issue was was the Convention resolve
that the Scriptures of the old & new Testament was
the only rule for our guidance - This Bapiste &
others as Luther opposed - I refer you to H. for
an account of the talk between Bapiste & Colver
about the Broad St Com. They refused to adopt the
Res 30 W 6 - I did not vote - Theodore Parker spoke

in an eloquent & gentle manner, saying 'of course
I could not go this evening. Alcott spoke very well
even to my ears. Garrison did not seem to be there
Dr. Farnsworth wants to carry me back to Quaker
& has brought a written invite from Mary. This
I cannot do now, but shall promise some time
as I can decide.

A. W. Weston

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Miss Deborah Weston
Weymouth

the copy from Charles & Anne
have the plan. Anne to see
Anne & sit Grandmama. Ask Anne
to write - I shall keep on
writing. Another letter from the
new people is coming. We shall
do for dear little Henry.
A Mormon has been speaking. New
England Boston is up

W. C. Wright is here - He reports Mr. Clark
as ^{at} the point of death - Kenneth will not go
to the Convention, partly from conscience & partly
the lack of Tom's wife. Miss Branham is here
the usual lot of Abolitionists - I shall go to
Mary's to tea to night - If you have any chance
to write tomorrow tell me when you think I
had better go to Groton, after our A. S. meeting or
after the Mary Convention. They being very anxious
for me to come. Caroline & and her best wish but
but is better to stay

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